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Varsity Debate Squad at Winthrop College

A venture into an entirely new field was Bryan's participation through their varsity debate squad in the Dixie Forensics Tournament at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., Dec. 7-9. The squad, including Glenna Giles, Jesse Humbert, and Howard Kee, and coached by Mr. A. W. Lynip, were entertained, along with delegates from thirty-two other colleges, by the Winthrop students, who provided a buffet supper, a concert, and the annual Dixie Wedding, as well as continual open house for the pleasure of their guests.

The squad debated the National Pi Kappa Delta question, *Resolved: that the United States should follow a policy of strict (economic and military) isolation toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in armed civil or international conflict.*

Among other schools present at the tournament were Dartmouth, Clemson, Wake Forest, Virginia Inter-mont, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, Auburn, North Carolina State, and Florida State College for Women.

Criticism of the squad was favorable, and the debaters were urged to continue forensics since Bryan is a memorial to "one of the greatest orators the world has ever known."

The trip took the squad through Knoxville, Asheville, and Charlotte. High points—seeing the Great Smoky Mountains at sunrise and crossing the Cumberland Ridge at sunset.

President Rudd Visits Bryan's Birthplace

Leaving Dayton early in December, President and Mrs. Rudd spent an enjoyable visit at the birthplace of the Great Commoner, Salem, Illinois, returning to the University just before Christmas.

"Our Salem friends gave us a warm reception," said President Rudd. "Mrs. Rudd and I enjoyed the hospitality of a number of new friends as well as those who have known the University and its work for a longer time."

One of Mr. Rudd's privileges while in Salem was that of teaching a Sunday School class in the church to which, a number of years ago, Mr. Bryan donated a beautiful pulpit, artwork on which was done in Scotland.

RED CROSS PICTURE

A national appeal voiced by the Red Cross for help for the needy was re-echoed recently in a half-hour moving picture of Red Cross work, "Foot Prints." The heroic, self-sacrificing service of American girls who volunteer to be nurses was especially emphasized. The history of these girls was given from the time they enroll as students in black shoes and stockings till the time they graduate and take up their duties in snowy white. This chapel program proved to be instructive, as well as interesting and entertaining.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFIED

(The tremendous task of landscaping Bryan University's eighty-two-acre campus was begun in December with the initial planting of some sixty-five or more shrubs and trees by Mr. Charles R. Givan, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.) Mr. Givan, an experienced landscape gardener who has done a great deal of work for private homes and government buildings, has offered suggestions of value to the authorities in making plans for the future campus.

Statistical Sam's Summary



Gift Receipts, June 1 to Nov. 30 . . . \$6,179.51

Gift Receipts during December . . . 2,390.07

Total Gift Receipts to Dec. 31, 1939 . . . \$8,569.58

Thank you! I had a grand Christmas—surely enjoyed climbing those two rungs. It was just what I'd hoped for.

Here's my New Year's resolution: I'm going to reach that top rung by June—or bust. Will you make a resolution that you'll help me do it?

Sam

In the above illustration each ladder rung represents \$1,000 of income from gifts, each coin representing \$250. Each month's gifts are shown, to the nearest \$250.

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—God Above All—

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

That there are many, many things in the University which have been the subject of definite prayer is a fact well known to those who have had a share in the work of the school. God has time after time answered prayer, both expressed and unexpressed. Again and again He has shown that before we call upon Him, He will answer. For these answered prayers and for the spiritual and material blessings we have received through them, let us continue to give thanks.

You have been asked to join in such prayers, often without knowing just what the need was, other than that finances were low and equipment needed. For your information and blessing, we shall include in coming numbers of Newsette a list of items which have been obtained, goals which have been reached in response to prayer. For the same reason, but more particularly for your prayer interest, we shall also include a list of those items which we believe are necessary to the work of the University. In many cases they will be things without which we have operated in the past, but which more recent conditions have made almost essential to the reasonable effectiveness and comfort of students and workers. In some cases they will be investments noticeably large for the present value to be received from them, but highly advisable because of the returns over a period of several years during which the school will benefit from the investments.

It will be interesting to keep watch on the items in these two columns, watching them change from the PRAYER column to the THANKSGIVING column as the Lord pro-

FACULTY PERSONALITY GLIMPSES

Miss Babette Kaltenbach

She was born in Africa and lived the majority of her life in Chicago. She returned as teacher-missionary to Africa and spent some eight years there. She loves poetry—writes, as well as collects, it. She delights in comparing races and different types of civilization. She has keen blue eyes and a delicious sense of humor. A sincere welcome is given to the new Spanish and French teacher, Miss Babette Kaltenbach.

Mr. Hobart Childs

Calm, deliberate, and blue-eyed is Mr. Hobart Childs, one of this year's additions to the Bryan faculty. Instructor in Greek, Bible, archaeology and mathematics. Hobbies: classical music, automobile tinkering and very young daughter, Deborah. Ideal trait: noticing the little nice things about other people and telling them about it.

Says Mr. Childs, "I'm most happy here. I feel it is the Lord's will; and, too, the mountains are a little like the Berkshire hills back home in Massachusetts."

vides and responds to your petitions. We invite you to make your petitions definite with regard to these needs, praying earnestly and in faith. God will continue to provide.

Prayer

An infirmary—a critical need.
Completion of at least the second floor of our building.

A larger water main.
New and much larger steam boiler and chimney.

Enclosure of more classrooms—all of downstairs part of foundation.

Heating equipment for these added rooms.

Thanksgiving

Partitions in Men's Dormitory and Staff Apartments.

Additional trailer for Gospel Singers.

Girls' Dormitory laundry house and equipment.

A piano.
Dishes for enlarged student body.

Double-decker beds and mattresses for enlarged student body.

INTERESTING LETTER

The following letter was written several years ago to Dr. George E. Guille, then president of the University. Its message calls to mind once again the sweetness of Mr. Bryan's testimony and his concern for the spiritual welfare of others.

Dr. George E. Guille, Professor
W. J. Bryan University,
Dayton, Tennessee

I was present at a Democratic meeting at Falls City, Nebraska, in Bryan's Congressional District, at which Hon. George Abbott was Democratic Central Committeeman for Richardson County, Nebraska; and shook hands with the distinguished guest (W. J. Bryan) preceding the parting handshake given him by Abbott. The point I wish to bring to historic prominence is that Abbott was a professed atheist, and Bryan, as you know, a fundamentalist, or as I would put it, a sincere believer.

But the political faith of Abbott in Bryan was of the highest, of course.

The "Union House" bus was standing with door open for Bryan to enter to go to the Missouri Pacific depot, and after my handshake, Bryan and Abbott "shook" and Abbott said, "God be with you if there is a God." Bryan came back and put his right arm over around Abbott's neck and said in loving kindness, "Mr. Abbott, don't be worried about there being a God. He never failed yet to be around where He was needed and will not now."

To me it was Bryan's manner as much as his words that pleased Abbott so he fairly glistened with rapture.

Now if God made all things, there is nothing he did not make—what can any human agency do to influence God's own records of everything?

Answer at will. Best of true success to your efforts!

Yours truly,

A. B. WILTSE.

MUM

Glum? Keep mum.
Don't grumble—be humble.
Trials cling? Just sing.
Can't sing? Just cling.
Don't fear. God's near.
Money goes? He knows.
Honor left? Not bereft.
Don't rust. Work. Trust.

—E. B. ALLEN.

Bryan University

Freshmen Entertain

Christmas festivities were formally ushered in by the party given, with the help of Mrs. Llewellyn, on Dec. 9 by the freshman class for the Bryan student body. On entering the dining hall, guests were given tickets which designated the team to which each would belong. There were twelve such teams with four members each.

One of the most fascinating of the series of games played, each lasting four minutes, was the making of designs from chewing gum. Each game counted a certain number of points; and at the end of the series the four members with the highest score sang "Jingle Bells". This hilarious quartet consisted of Mrs. Hill, Dean Ryther, Lowell Hoyt, and Ralph Gibson.

The dining room was appropriately decorated with streamers of red and green, with evergreens and red candles to grace the windows. After refreshments of ice cream, cookies, and coffee, the guests sang "Silent Night" and left the party filled with the Christmas spirit and cheer.

God first came down to create, then to save. To create, God had only to speak; to redeem He had to suffer. He made man by His breath; He saved him by His blood.—From D. L. Moody.

News from the Front

First news from the Mexican missionary front came this month from Mr. William Wonderly, graduate of the University, who has just recently crossed the border and is now traveling among the Zoque and Chol Indian tribes.

Neither of these tribes has a written language, though they number over twenty and sixteen thousand members respectively. Writes "Bill:"

"Crosses, emblems . . . are everywhere; as objects of worship, as charms to keep the bugs out of the cornfield, as protection to travelers; but the true message of the cross is unknown. Indians trudge day after day along the mountain trails with their loads of freight on their backs, ignorant of the Christ who can take away the load of sin from their hearts.

"I believe God is leading me to this task (putting a language into writing). Pray with me that He will clearly show which tribe and that I may soon begin actual language study."

Those wishing to contribute to this labor of love should send gifts to the Pioneer Mission Agency, 1201 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, mentioning Bill's name, if it is to go to his sector.

Gospel Work Increases During Year

After three months of active service, the University faculty and students, under the direction of an advisory council, of which Bro. Levengood is president, have been able to reorganize and extend the Christian service activities.

A new phase of work has been begun by a committee that makes weekly visits to the hospital to present the gospel message.

At the Saturday afternoon street meeting, about 300 tracts are distributed, while many stop to listen to the message in word and song.

Very definite results have been evidenced by the testimonies of several of the inmates at the county jail, as in the case of one fellow who accepted the Lord and gave very positive proof of his faith. One young girl who was already saved, said, "I surely thank you all for coming to talk and sing to me, and I'll be waiting for you next Saturday."

On Sunday there are 21 different places of service with about 60 participating as ambassadors to approximately 500 people who receive the gospel each week. To reach the various stations about 200 miles are traveled during each week.

Friday evening has been set aside by two or three groups for visitation in Dayton homes for Bible study and prayer fellowship. Young people's and children's meetings are an important part of the work being established in some communities.

Several students have participated in preparing literature to mail to 330 rural school teachers in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia to encourage Bible memory work. Already over 1,000 children are enrolled in the contest with prospects of others who will join.

With this broad field of service there is likewise a broad responsibility. Since a large majority of the students are eager to have a part in the work, there are numerous possibilities for extension of the work with so many needy communities. You, too, may have a part in this work by giving, first of all, your prayer support, and then helping with financial assistance to purchase tracts, gospels, other literature, and to provide for the transportation expenses.

HOW GIFT INCOME IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

PROPOSED

CASH EXPENSE BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

1939-40 SCHOOL YEAR

	\$10,000 Budget	\$15,000 Budget	\$20,000 Budget	\$25,000 Budget	\$35,000 Budget
Staff Salaries	40%	39%	37%	35%	32%
*Other School					
Operating Expenses	41%	40%	33½%	29%	24%
Retirement of Indebtedness.....		1%	3½%	8%	14%
Improvements in					
Building and Equipment	19%	20%	26%	28%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Percentage of Stated Salaries that would be received in cash 16% 24% 30% 35% 45%

*This does not include dormitory and boarding club expenses. It is expected that these expenses will be covered by cash receipts on student accounts.

Distribution is taken from a much more detailed chart of possible annual gift incomes ranging from ten thousand to one hundred thousand dollars. Only when the gift income reaches one hundred thousand dollars per year will the staff members receive their moderate stated salaries in full.

THE BOOK OF CERTAINTIES

*Taken from Kingdom Tidings,
April, 1938.*

The Holy Spirit, the Author of this Book, which is forever settled in heaven, says in the Old Testament, "That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth," and in the New Testament, "That thou mightest know the certainty of those things," Psalm 119: 89; Prov. 22: 21; Luke 1: 4. The whole book was written by the Holy Spirit, and is a true record from beginning to end, 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 2 Peter 1: 21. The first person who is recorded as questioning the Word of God is that old serpent, the devil; and all who are now calling in question any part of the Word of God, are, consciously or unconsciously, for the time being, in his employ, and guilty of making God a liar, as he did. Genesis 3: 1, 4; John 8: 44; 1 John 5: 10. Whoever questions the veracity of the Lord Jesus Christ does the same with God the Father, and God says that He will call upon all such to answer for it, Deut. 18: 18, 19; John 12: 47-50; 14: 10. The Lord Jesus expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself, Luke 24: 27, 44. He endorsed the Adam and Eve record, the murder of Abel, the deluge, the destruction of Sodom, Jonah, Elijah, Elisha, and all other records (Matt. 12: 39-42; 19: 4, 5; 23: 35; Luke 4: 25-27; 17: 26-32); and whoever dares to doubt the words of Him who is The Truth, must be terribly under the control of that awful deceiver, the father of lies, who is still deceiving the whole world and hurrying people off the earth into his place of torment, by murder and suicide, deluding them into the belief that there is no hell, although our Lord Jesus spoke so often of that awful place (Mark 9: 43-48; Matt. 25: 41; Luke 12: 5). How far the preachers and teachers who cast discredit upon the Word of God are responsible for many of the awful things that are happening today, God only knows. Let us stand firmly and fully with Him who is not willing that any should perish, and who says, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out," 2 Peter 3: 9; John 6: 37. D. M. Stearns.

There are things that even God cannot do for us unless He allows us to suffer. We cannot have the result of a process without the process.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Eugene A. Nida

"Will you talk to God in my language so that I may listen in?" Such is the request made by many natives as they listen to the missionary pray in a tongue strange to them. The challenge has been accepted by many workers who are learning the native language and translating the Bible so that the natives themselves may read God's message.

Mr. Eugene A. Nida, teacher of advanced linguistics, presented the challenge and its response from the Institute of Linguistics at Camp Wycliffe, Arkansas, as he spoke in the university chapel service. This summer camp provides a general training in the science of language study, that the translation of any language may be met with some understanding. Although at least a part of the Bible has been translated into 1,000 languages, there remain as many more tongues which have none of the written Word, Mr. Nida said.

Dr. Homer H. Rhule

The former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Salem, Illinois, and now pastor in Knoxville, Tennessee, Dr. Homer H. Rhule, addressed the chapel body with a message from Luke 5:1-11. From phrases in this portion, he emphasized belief in Jesus, cleansing, surrender, and service, concluding with the example of those who "forsook all and followed Him."

While Dr. Rhule was in Salem, a group of University singers ministered in his church and enjoyed the numerous historical connections with William J. Bryan, whose birthplace and early home was in Salem.

SHAKESPEAREAN HASH

AND FRENCH PLAY

The Freshmen who prepared "Shakespearean Hash," a short playlet given in chapel, mixed it and served it with excitement for everybody. When the complicated plot finally straightened itself out, Julius Caesar and Juliet were "happy ever after"; Hamlet and Cleopatra were dead; Shylock had gained his precious ducats; and from the exalted height of a chair Lady Macbeth wept on his shoulder because she did not want her daughter Juliet to marry Julius Caesar. The students having parts were Mildred Swartzell, Lola Goehring, Eileen Hartschuh, Homer Wright, Solon Hoyt, and Donald Dickie.

Another bright spot in the chapel program calendar for this month was a playlet given entirely in French by Miss Kaltenbach's class in advanced French. Emphatic gestures and explanatory facial expressions, as well as Miss Kaltenbach's synopsis in English, made the plot easily understood by those not fortunate enough to know French. The love of a soldier for a nurse, the kidnapping by the baby's own parents when the nurse is not watching, the entrance of a baker, an urchin, and a policeman all tend to complicate the story. Although the nurse is humiliated, she wins the love of the soldier, and all is well. Connie Penick and Howard Kee were the nurse and the soldier, other characters being played by Mary Beth Everson, Daniel Hirschy, Solon Hoyt, Lowell Hoyt, and Jesse Humberd.

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—that we stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.—Philippians 1:27.

Please enroll me as one of the Builders and Supporters of Bryan University in providing a Godly education for young people.

As a "Builder and Supporter of Bryan" I will, the Lord helping me, contribute to the budget:

- (1) \$..... monthly during the balance of the fiscal year ending
- (2) \$..... on or before May 31, 1940.
- (3) \$..... cash enclosed herewith.

Name.....

Date..... Address.....

(This is not to be counted as a subscription, but as a membership in the Builders and Supporters of Bryan.)

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

—II Tim. 2:2.